



New Haven Democracy Fund

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DEMOCRACY FUND BOARD MEETING

6:15 PM, Thursday August 3, 2017

New Haven City Hall – 165 Church Street

Second Floor, Mayor's Meeting Room #2

New Haven Democracy Fund Board:

Sergio Rodriguez, Chair

William Wynn

Jack Paulishen

James O'Connell

(Three Seats Vacant)

Democracy Fund Administrator: Alyson Heimer

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order & Attendance. Chair Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:19pm.
2. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings (July 19) and discussion. O'Connell moved to approve the minutes as amended. Unanimously approved.
3. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer's reports will now be streamlined so Board Chair Rodriguez and the Administrator get statements of the accounts at the beginning of each month.
4. Administrator's Report
 - A) Budget presentation (see draft proposal). O'Connell moved to accept the budget. The line item of conferences and events was questioned by O'Connell, he questioned range of community covered in the term community outreach and postulated that it meant just the New Haven Community. He requested that the board approve use of the Fund for Conferences, Events, and Training in advance of expenditures, when time allows. The Board concurred with that notion and therefore, requests for conferences will have to be presented to the Board.

Rodriguez moved to go to executive session. Wynn seconded. 2 yay, 1 nay, Executive Session started at 7:06pm. Executive session ended at 7:32pm.

O'Connell made a motion to revise the proposed budget to include the possibility of giving the administrator a dedicated phone line. Unanimously approved.

B) Qualifying candidate update on disbursements -

Wynn Moved to accept the addendum to the draft motion passed last time to include the section about disbursing the funds by the Finance Department.

Wynn moved to Amend the Approved scope of services and the budget to authorize the finance department to disburse funds in accordance with the budget. Yay 2, nay 1.



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The Democracy Fund Board moves to accept the Scope of Services for the 2017 - 2018 fiscal year provided by the Administrator and approved by the Board Chair. The Board authorizes the Finance Department to disburse a stipend for Administrator services between July 2017 and June 2018 on a monthly basis in the amount of \$2,500.00. Also, The Democracy Fund Board approves the Budget for the 2017 - 2018 fiscal year provided by the Administrator and approved by the Board Chair. The Board authorizes the Finance Department to disburse monies related to these expenditure types as requested by the Administrator or the Board.

A debate needs to be held and the Board would like to advertise this event well. Chair Rodriguez requested that the Administrator investigate all options for cosponsoring a debate in conjunction with another group in addition to what's been offered by the Multi-faith community, and present them in a report to the board.

Motion to Adjourn named by Wynn. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.